

MR. M'KEON'S SPEECH.

The sentiment which has thus been announced from the Chair, referring to the memory of the distinguished men of the Revolution, excited in the minds of every person present, an association with the ideas which were evoked in the revolution of 1776. It has well been said that one age repeats another—that humanity moves in a circle; but that side there was an exception in 1776, when, for the first time, the spell of tyranny was broken and a declaration of the rights of man was made. [Applause.] Up to that time the world had been educated in the divine right of kings; but that year was enunciated the great truth of the divine right of the people. [Cheering.] Up to that time the world had been educated in the sentiment that obedience was due to the government by the Governor. It was then announced that the duty was due from the Government to the governed. From that time Governments had not been organized for the purpose of protecting the people; but in that year, the great doctrine was announced, that for the benefit of the oppressed, there should any Government be organized. [Applause.] The Government of America, created by its coming to the people, revolutionized the whole world; and if revolution could be secured by no other means than by wading through a sea of blood, it must be so. I have no doubt of that. Every man who believes in the doctrine of non-resistance, and believes that man can be ruled by power as going to the very essence of civilization, I have had but little experience on this subject.

the brazen, self-ordained, Young Democracy, born that day
 of music of crashing root trees and ringing rills, and
 abundantly in blood, has grown to be a man, and
 to feel that he may one day be called upon to stand
 living doctrine of the truth. It is well, then, that I am
 and, no politician, and no polemical gladiator; that I am
 that I have no other claim on you than simply as an
 ante of liberty. Thus your pronouncement to right for
 cratic freedom—your recognition of the right of the
 to be a free man, and of the right of that sacred cause, is
 more emphatic, the more unmistakable, the
 pure and simple, the more encouraging to
 and struggling liberty all the world over.
 know also that the monarchies of Europe are
 in this matter of the tolerance that should reign
 intercourse between well bred powers. Already Aus-
 has disgusted at the rudeness of an American com-
 in carrying off the poor Hungarians. Great Britain must
 and her policy, but that her political enemies, whom she
 to be brand as felons, should be comforted and abet-
 their felony by America. Oh! rude Republicans,
 are your manners? Is this your civility? Is this your
 feeling of putting an American in the position of a political
 and of the world, in which your own Government
 has secured assurances of friendly relations? International
 a great nation, even some American statesmen
 that French of good manners. I perceive that
 principle of distinction in this case and

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preserving order, and to represent the people, and